

# 2010 California Quick Collision Facts

During 2010, California had a total of 416,490 traffic collisions: 2,520 fatal; 161,094 injury; and 252,876 property damage only. This is the lowest number of fatal collisions since 1933, which was 2,230 and also the lowest number of injury collisions since 1971, which was 160,182.

There were 1,615 vehicle occupants (excludes bicyclist, pedestrian, motorcyclist/moped, emergency vehicle, and buses) killed, with 439 not using safety equipment, and 170,642 injured, with 9,014 not using safety equipment.

Vehicle occupants killed decreased 14.6 percent from 2009. Vehicle occupants injured increased 0.3 percent over that same year.

On average a traffic collision was reported every one minute and 16 seconds.

On average one person was killed every three hours and 12 minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

On average one person was injured every two minutes and 17 seconds as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 17.3 percent of pedestrian victims and 13.7 percent of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed, there were 84 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the primary collision factor in 30.4 percent of the fatal and injury collisions.

Fatal truck collisions where the truck driver was at fault is the lowest number since this number has been documented with 41 fatal collisions, and injury truck collisions where the truck driver was at fault have increased to 2,156 from 2,072 in 2009.

In 2010, there were 348 motorcyclist victims killed of which 40 did not indicate safety equipment used and 9,969 motorcyclist victims injured of which 1,345 did not indicate safety equipment used.

In 2009, there were 383 motorcyclist victims killed and 10,479 motorcyclists victims injured. Motorcyclists killed in 2010 decreased 9.1 percent from 2009 and those injured decreased 4.9 percent over that same year. Licensed motorcycle drivers in 2010 increased 2.2 percent over 2009.

There were 373 motorcyclists involved in fatal collisions of which 244 were the driver at fault. This indicates 65.4 percent of motorcyclists involved in fatal collisions were at fault.

Of the 373 motorcyclists involved in fatal collisions, 119 (31.9 percent) were involved in fatal collisions where no other party was involved. The motorcyclist was at fault 93.3 percent of the time in solo motorcycle fatal collisions.

In 2010, alcohol involved fatal collisions decreased 15.2 percent and alcohol involved persons killed also decreased 15.1 percent over the previous year. This is the third year in a row to show a decrease in the number of alcohol involved fatal collisions and persons killed in those collisions.

Since 2001, the number of licensed drivers in California has increased 8.3 percent. Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.6 percent were under 30 years of age; however, drivers under 30 years of age comprised 33.5 percent of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions. Drivers at fault under 30 years of age comprised 39.5 percent of all drivers at fault in fatal and injury collisions.

Since 2001, California's population has increased 7.4 percent. On average one out of every 13,625 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; on an average one out of every 163 persons was injured; and on an average one out of every 81 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 2,520 fatal collisions, 2,739 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 0.84 persons killed and 70 persons injured for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel (these are more commonly known as the mileage death and mileage injury rates). This is the lowest mileage death and mileage injury rates on record and marks the third year in a row that a new record low rate has been set. Since 2001, the estimated vehicle miles of travel have increased 4.2 percent.

Hit-and-run was indicated in 9.1 percent of the fatal and injury collisions.

In 2010, California had no days without a traffic fatality. The last year with a day without a motor vehicle traffic fatality was 2009 with three such days: March 30, June 10, and September 5.